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1. MINISTER'S REPORT ON EFFECT OF GERMAN BOMBING

2. GENERAL REPORT ON GERMAN BOMBING

(1940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 766

15th July 40

To DIRECTOR.

1. According to information from MINISTER [MINISTR][1] the population is [C% taking] the German air-raids relatively calmly. The position is worse in South Wales where the daily raids are keeping the population in a constant state of tension. As well as in this area there is particularly serious damage in BARTLEPOOL.

2. The focal point of the German air-raids over the past week has been strikes against shipping. For the first time massed Junkers 87 dive-bombers have been used here accompanied by fighters. Most of the raids were made in daylight. The British explain the fact that 85 German aircraft were shot down by the superior fire-power of the British fighters.

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Comments: [1] MINISTER: Unidentified covername. See also MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940, and LONDON's Nos. 798 of 22nd July 1940, 950 of 28th August 1940 and 966 of 2nd September 1940. The Russian word is used only in a governmental or diplomatic sense.

[11] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BERTON.